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Letter dated 25 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of a note verbale dated 6 September 2000 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Note verbale dated 6 September 2000 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

According to the reports submitted by the relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran the acts of hostility, as described hereunder, have been committed by the terrorist Mojahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), authorized by the Government of Iraq to station on Iraqi soil with a view to embarking on acts of sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

1. On 31 July 2000, at 0500 hours, a number of terrorist elements of the MKO, supported by 10 vehicles (at the strength of 50 individuals) and launch of mortar rounds, infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and engaged the Iranian forces at coordinates 36000-89000, 1:50,000 map of Einkhosh, before returning to Iraqi territory.

2. On 13 August 2000, at 0330 hours, the terrorist MKO fired four mini-Katiusha rockets in an attack across the border from inside Iraq into the city of Soomar.

3. On 13 August 2000, at 0330 hours, 13 82-mm mortar rounds were fired by the terrorist MKO in an attack across the border from inside Iraq onto Iranian territory, hitting the general district of Soomar.

4. On 20 August 2000, at 0330 hours, 12 120-mm mortar founds were fired by the terrorist MKO from inside Iraq onto Iranian territory, hitting the Mehran district.

5. On 20 August 2000, at 0530 hours, some terrorist elements of the MKO, traversing the Aghamir Valley, fired three 107-mm rockets into the vicinity of Salehabad.

6. On 20 August 2000, at 0530 hours, five 82-mm mortar rounds were fired by the terrorist MKO in an attack across the border from inside Iraq onto Iranian territory, hitting the general district of Mehran.

7. On 20 August 2000, at 0230 hours, six 107-mm rockets were fired by the terrorist MKO in an attack from inside Iraq onto Iranian territory, hitting the general district of Meima.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, strongly protesting against the above-mentioned acts of hostility, holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for the adverse consequences of such acts resulting from the provision of sanctuary to the terrorists of the MKO on Iraqi soil and the creation of favourable conditions for them to organize armed acts of terrorism and sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran, flagrantly contravening the international norms and principles and the Charter of the United Nations as well as the principles of good-neighbourly relations.

It is to be recalled that the continuation of such intrusions will cause irreparable damage to bilateral relations. Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting the territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq and the principles of good-neighbourly relations, considers the continuation of such acts of hostility to be intolerable and reserves its right to legitimate self-defence as well as the removal of any threats.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran the assurances of its highest consideration.